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 For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES OF THE NUCLEOCAPSID (NP) AND PHOSPHOPROTEIN (P) GENES OF A MALAYSIAN VELOGENIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE VIRUS STRAIN AF2240 AND THE PRODUCTION OF THE NP AND P PROTEINS IN *ESCHERICHIA COLI*  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows. Applicants have attached hereto pages containing amended specification paragraphs and claims. Because underlining is used in the original text of the Specification sections to be amended, underlining is not used to indicated additions in the amended specification or claims. Instead, as per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, bracketing is used to indicate deletions and the marks: <> are used to indicate insertions.

Applicants have also provided a sequence listing and request that it be entered into the application. An identical computer-readable copy of the sequence listing is also provided.

**In the Specification**

Please amend the Specification as follows: